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Office Action Summary

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Examiner

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Status

- 1) ☐ Responsive to communication(s) filed on ____.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) ____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) ____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-18 and 20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☒ Claim(s) 19 is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) ____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on ____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. ____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date 3/8/04.

- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
Paper No(s)/Mail Date. ____.
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other: ____.

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

1. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

2. Claims 1-4 and 16-18 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Pickler (U.S. 4,913,301) in view of Keneson et al. (U.S. 3,656,643). Pickler discloses the claimed invention except for the sleeves being rotatably mounted and the mechanical stops. Keneson et al. teaches that it is known to provide a dumpster with rotatably mounted sleeves and mechanical stops (see elements 16, 18 and 20). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide the dumpster of Pickler with the rotatably mounted sleeves and mechanical stops of Keneson et al., in order to facilitate movement and lifting of the container.
3. Claims 1-4 and 16 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Taylor (U.S. 5,248,057) in view of Keneson et al. (U.S. 3,656,643). Taylor discloses the claimed invention except for the sleeves and stops. Keneson et al. teaches that it is known to provide a dumpster with rotatably mounted sleeves and mechanical stops (see elements 16, 18 and 20). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide the dumpster of Taylor with the rotatably mounted sleeves and mechanical stops of Keneson et al., in order to facilitate movement and lifting of the container.
4. Claims 5-9 and 20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Taylor in view of Keneson et al. as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Jones (U.S. 2,702,142). The modified container of Taylor discloses the claimed invention except for the lower door. Jones teaches

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that it is known to provide a container with a lower door (see figure 4). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide the modified container of Taylor with a lower door as taught by Jones, in order to allow easy dispensing.

5. Claims 10-15 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Taylor in view of Jones (U.S. 2,702,142). The container of Taylor discloses the claimed invention except for the lower door. Jones teaches that it is known to provide a container with a lower door (see figure 4). It would have been obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to provide the container of Taylor with a lower door as taught by Jones, in order to allow easy dispensing.

Allowable Subject Matter

6. Claim 19 is objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

Conclusion

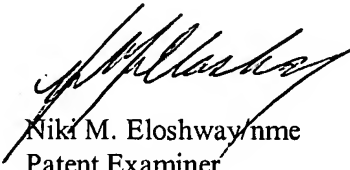
7. **THIS ACTION IS MADE NON-FINAL.**

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Niki M. Eloshway whose telephone number is 571-272-4538. The examiner can normally be reached on Thursdays and Fridays 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Nathan Newhouse can be reached on 571-272-4544. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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